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Tulsa is replete with men with various and sundry titles but probably the most unique is given John L. Knight by his many friends and acquaintances. It is "The greatest sports fan in the world."

That covers a lot of ground but John, also, has covered a lot of ground and consumed a lot of time in attending football, baseball, basketball and other games.

Get this. Knight has not missed a home game played by the University of Tulsa football team since 1912, it being Kendall College at that time, except during two years when he was stationed in Venezuela. He has attended all but a very few of the home games played by the Tulsa baseball team since around 1913 when Tulsa then was a member of the

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Paul M. Kayser, president of El Paso Natural Gas Co., and J. H. Dunn, president of Shamrock Oil and Gas Corp., will be among the principal speakers at the midyear of the Independent Petroleum Association of America in St. Louis April 27. Dunn will speak on "The Relationship Between the Independent Producer and the Natural Gas Industry." Kayser's subject is "The Interdependence of the Oil Industry and the Gas Industry."

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Western Association and played at Archer Park, on the northside, this being before McNulty Park was used.

He has seldom missed a home game played by the University of Tulsa basketball team.

And, he has attended many out-of-town games played by these teams.

Knight is chief clerk of the production department of The Carter Oil Co. and has been with Carter for 37 years. He is 53 years old. His father was in the oil business in West Virginia and Ohio. The family moved to Tulsa in 1912 and John started to work for Carter in 1916 when the company was located in the Central National Bank building at Second and Boston. He was office boy, PBX operator, stock room clerk, and general handy man.

In addition to attending all these games, Knight is an active member of the Carter Activity club and plays on one of the teams in the Carter bowling league. He is a member of the Downtown Quarterback club and of the Tulsa chapter, Old-timers Baseball association. His son, Robert, 10, is a member of the baseball team of Barnard school and Knight has helped coach baseball teams at the school.

Knight says membership in the old Western association around 1913 consisted of Tulsa, Muskogee, McAlester, Joplin, St. Joseph, Mo., Denison and Paris, Texas, and one other team. Rogers Hornsby, at that time, played for Denison and Knight saw him play many times.

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the southeastern district. H. B. Miller, director of the department of information, American Petroleum Institute, announced. His headquarters will be in Atlanta, Ga. L. L. Niedrach is senior representative in the district and George A. Beattie, of Wofford Oil Co., is district chairman.

Our sympathy to Cleve Bullette, public relations department, Service Pipe Line Co. Cleve left Tulsa April 11 to drive to Williston, N. D., to set up an exhibit there for the Second Annual Oil Discovery Day celebration April 17 and 18. Doug Renvow, Tulsa representative of The Oil Daily, provided company on the going trip. It is a hard three-day drive.

Doug decided to return by airplane so Cleve had to make the trip back to Tulsa alone. He left Williston Monday and is due in council.

Tulsa some time tonight, if he had good luck. The rest of us left Williston last Sunday morning and with the help of a tail wind, landed at the Tulsa airport exactly four hours after leaving Williston, a distance of 900 air miles.

Joe D. Ramey, production engineer of Skelly Oil Co., has been transferred from Velma to Hobbs, N. M.

Hugh Lamberth, assistant director of materials, Petroleum Administration for Defense, has joined the Central Intelligence Agency.

Oil men are well represented in the city government of Midland, Texas. J. W. McMillen, oil producer, was elected mayor. R. A. Estes, assistant division civil engineer for Humble Oil and Refining Co., and John M. Hills, consulting geologist, were elected members of the city council.

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